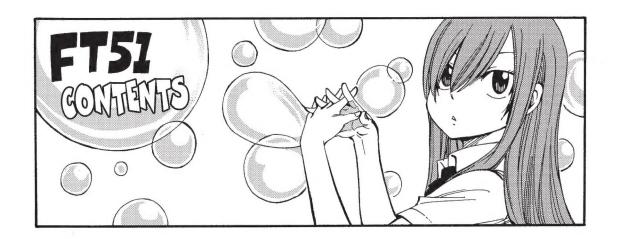




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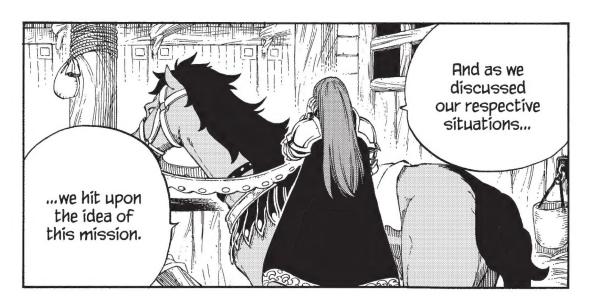


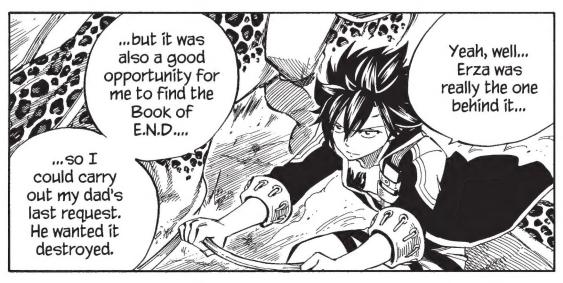




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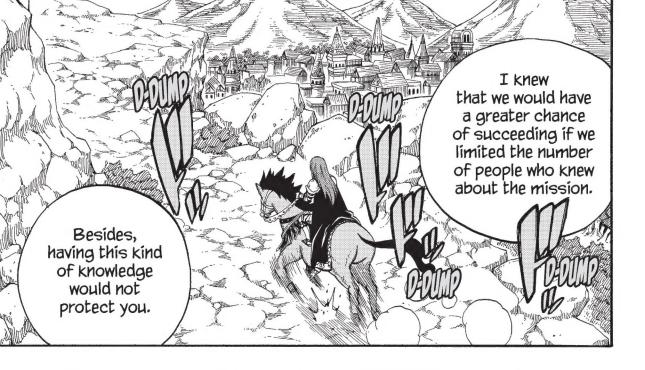






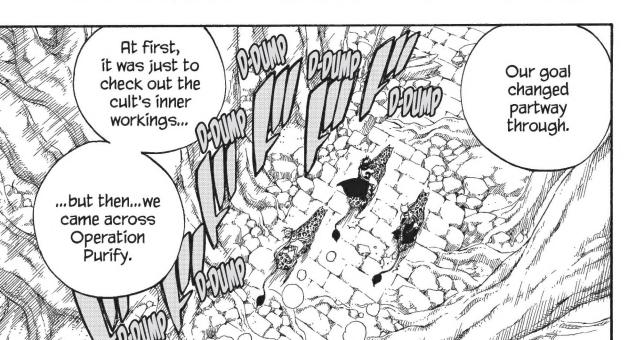


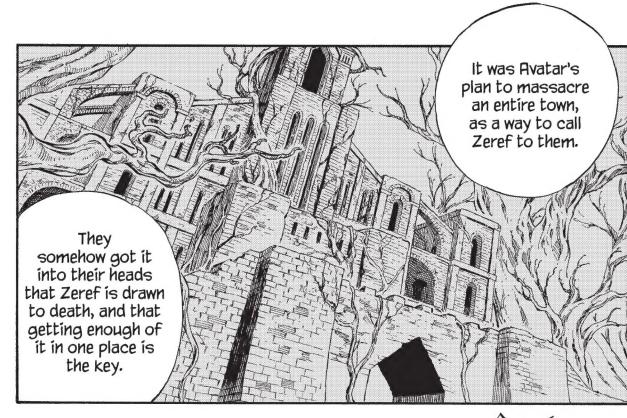
































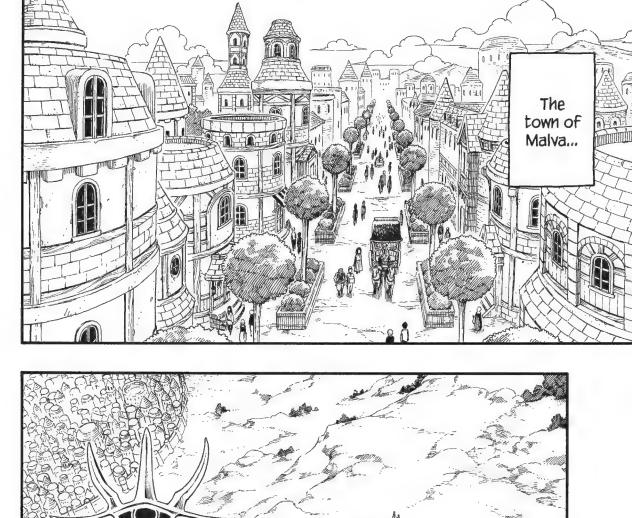






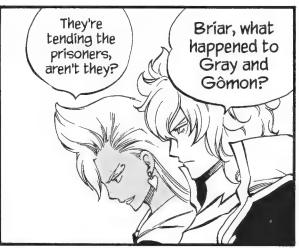


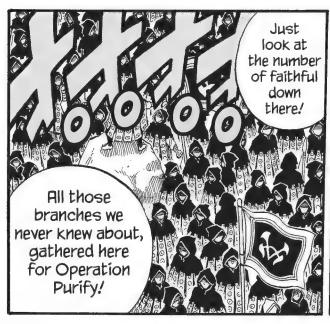


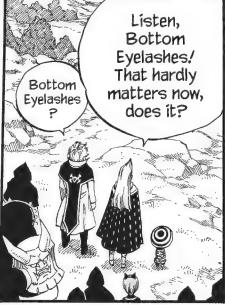




















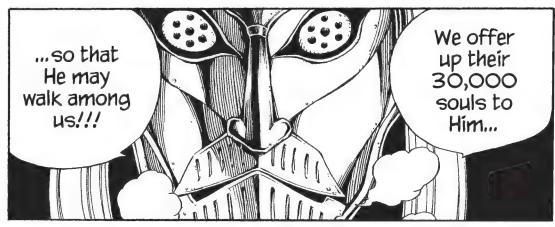


















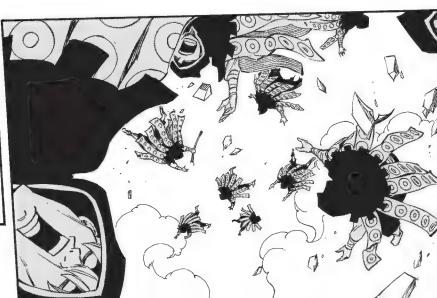
























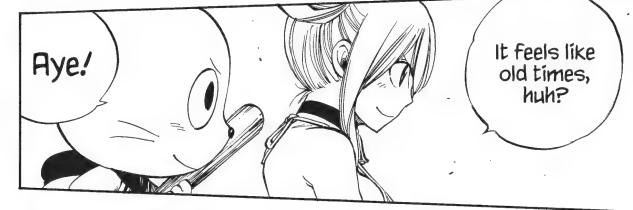


























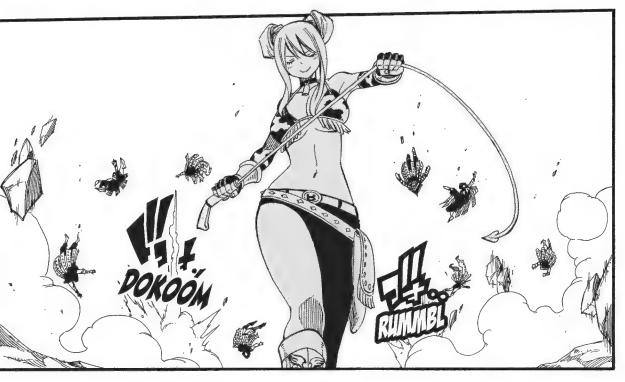


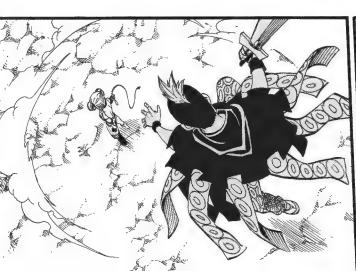




























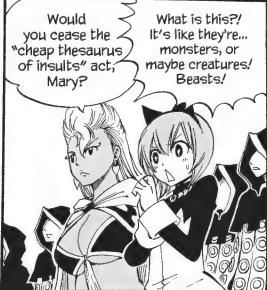






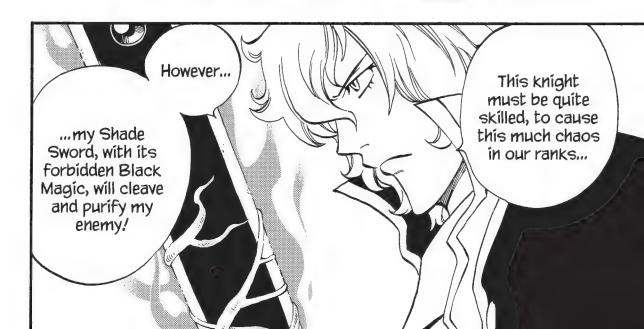


























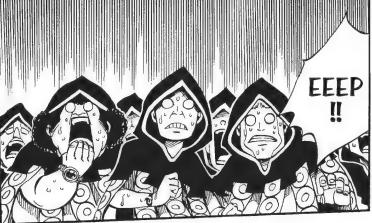




























My sword...















Chapter 432: Briar in Love



























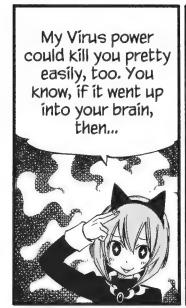






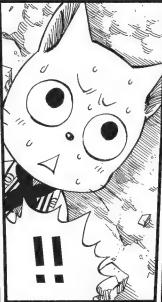






























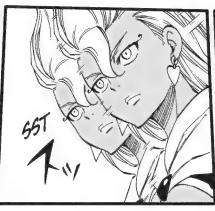


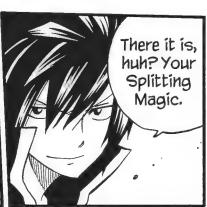














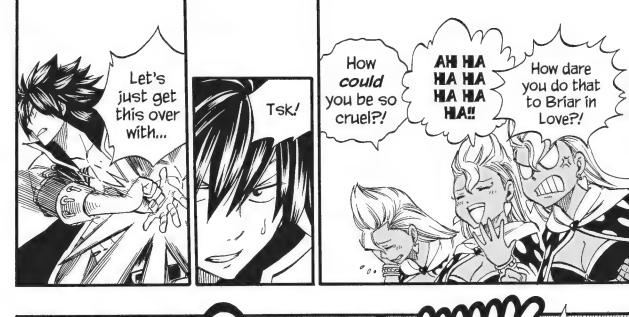
































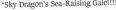












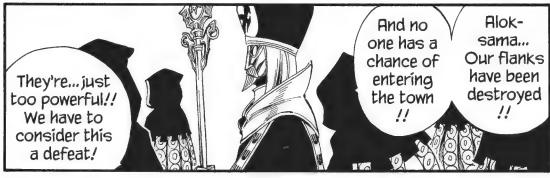






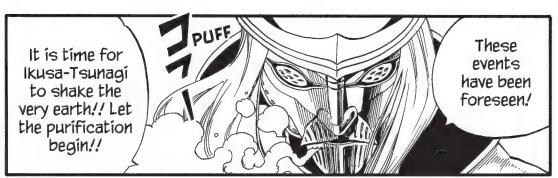






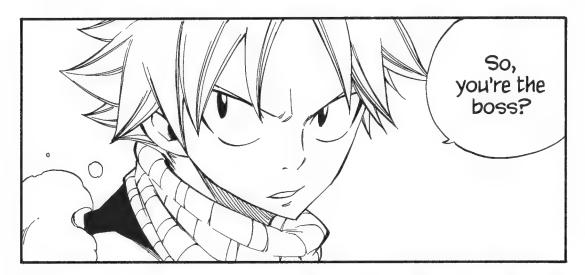






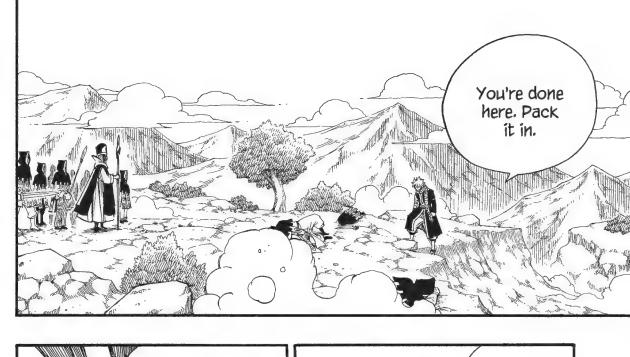
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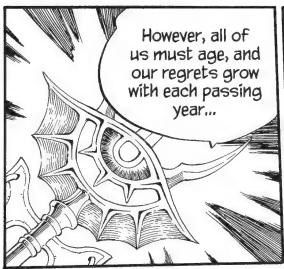


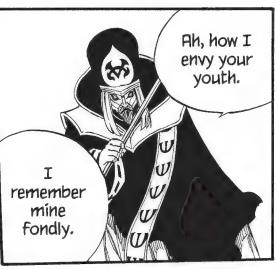




Chapter 433: Ikusa-Tsunagi













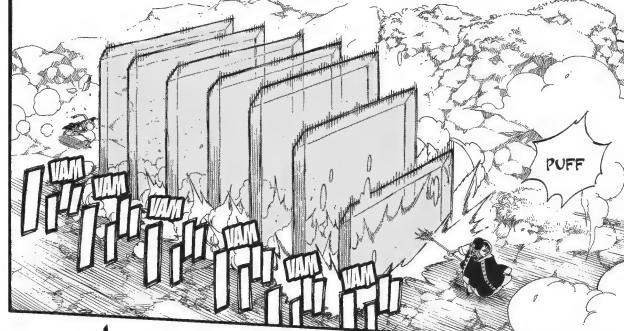










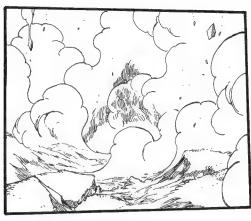












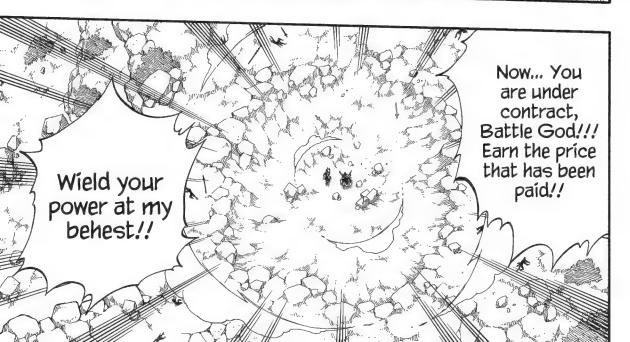




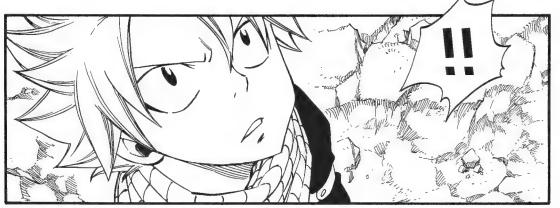














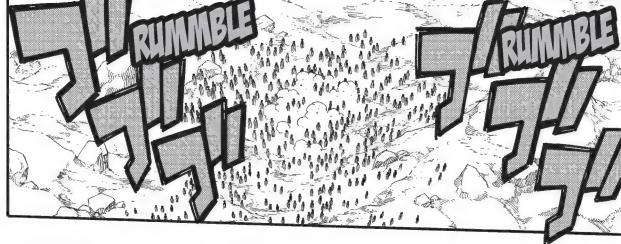






















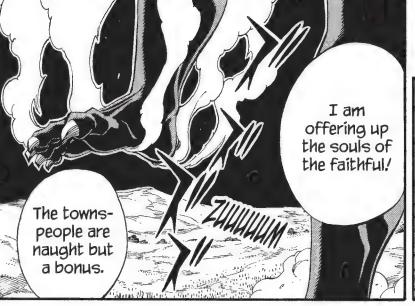






























## Chapter 434: Hôken

















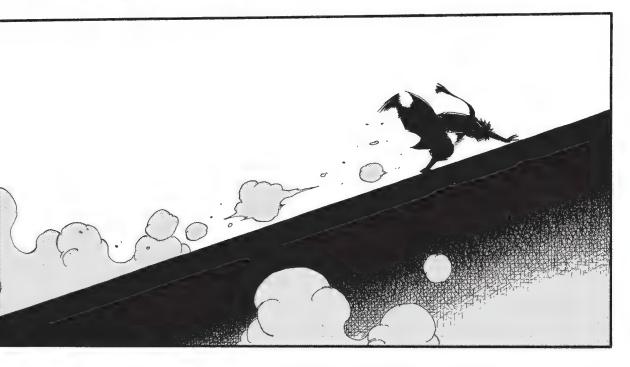


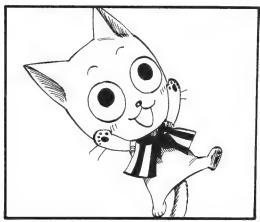








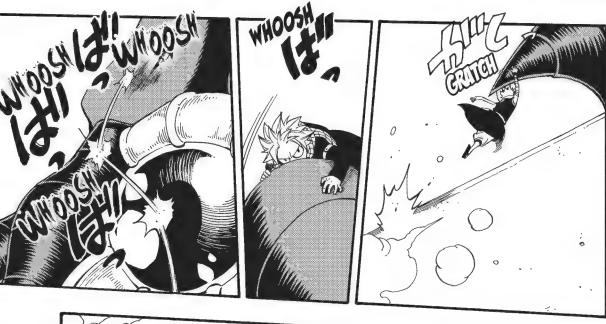












Listen
to me, my
brethren! Offer
up your souls.
Cast aside your
bodies so that
Zeref's will may
be done!

Put up a fight,
if you like. It's all
futile... The Battle
God Ikusa-Tsunagi is a
god of war! No human
can possibly stand
against it.











One day, you will see that friends are only tools you use to attain a goal, nothing more...









...and we've all learned to trust each other!



We laugh

together!





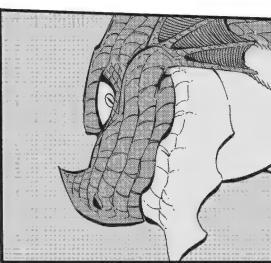














...I'm gonna get a lot stronger !!!!







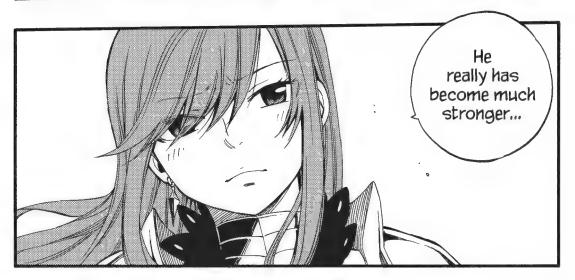
















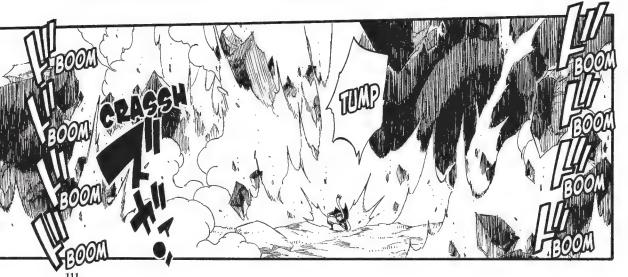


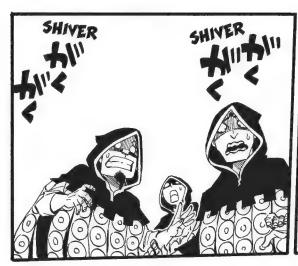










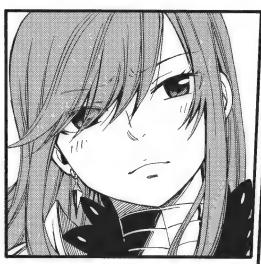








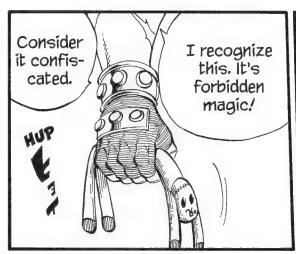
























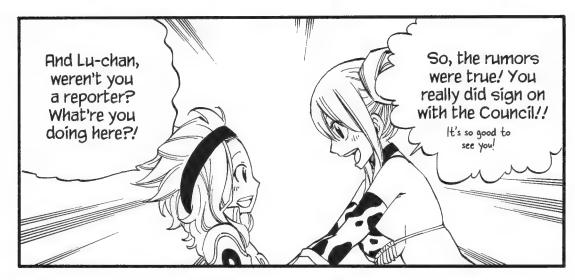




































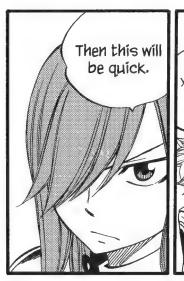












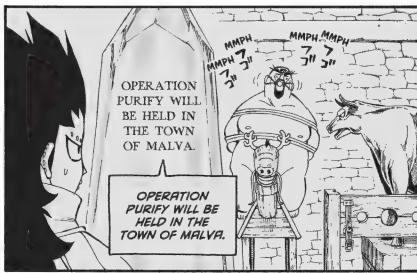














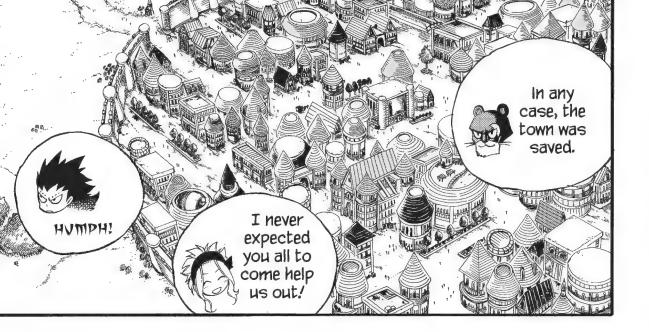










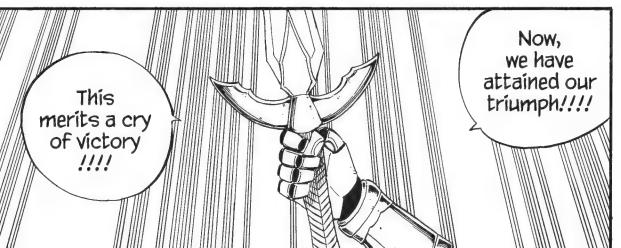




















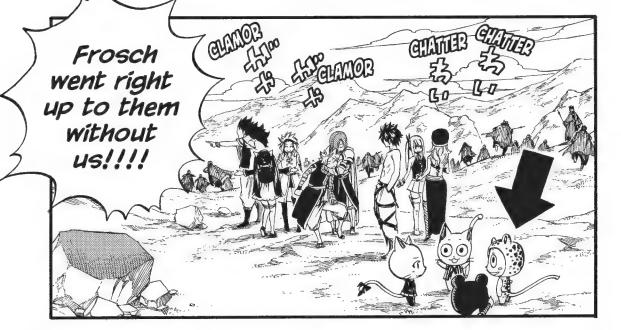














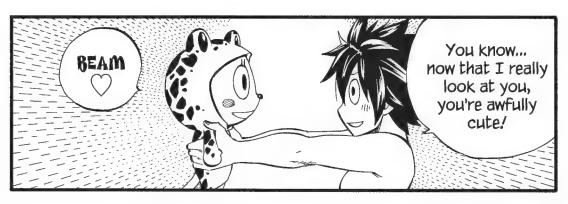












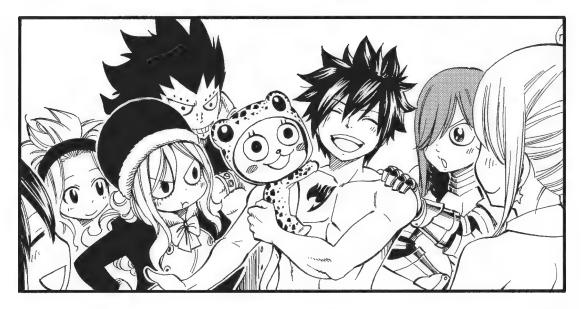


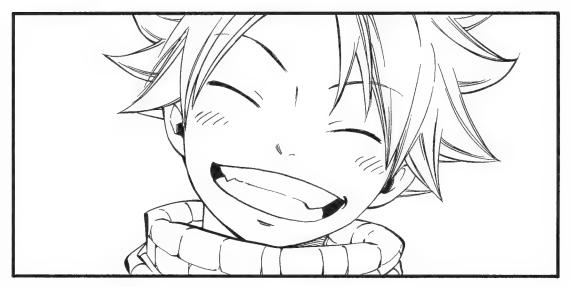














## Chapter 436: Memoirs









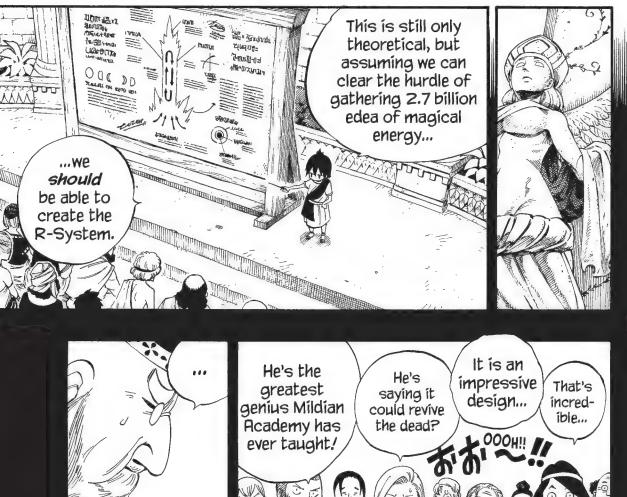


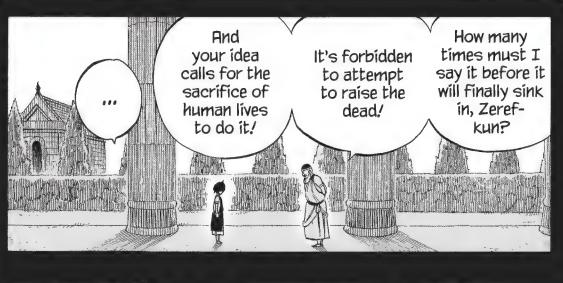


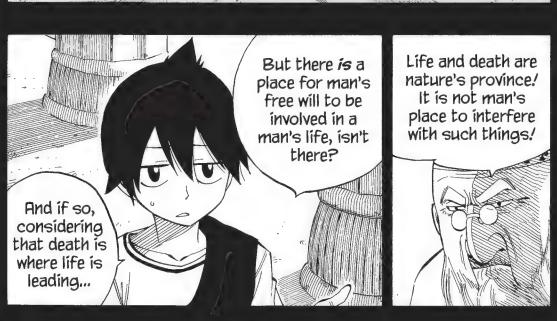
























You cannot bring your brother back!!









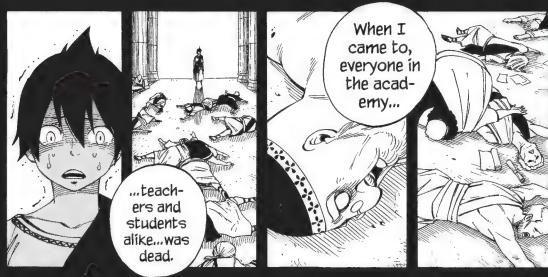












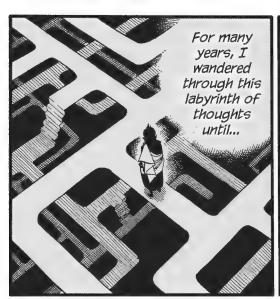
...and he cast a curse of contradiction on me.

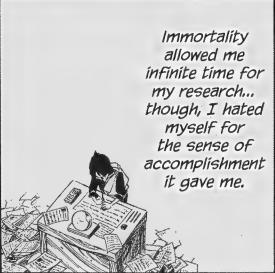




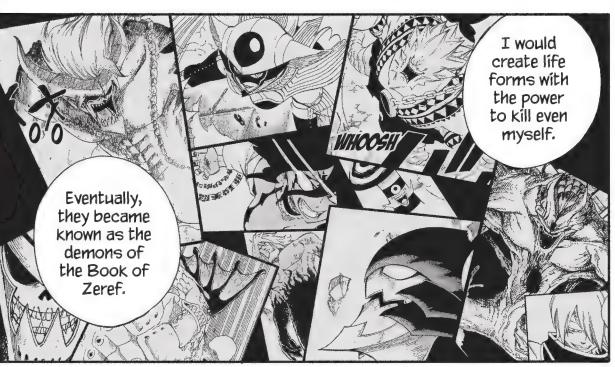


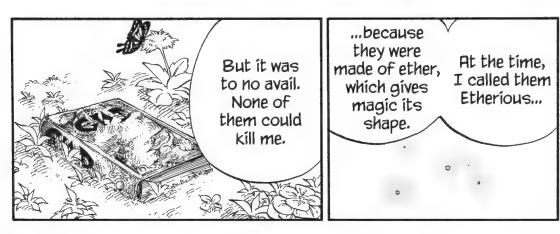








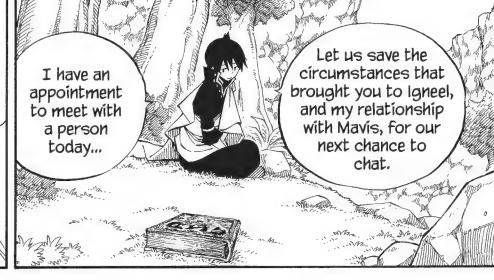


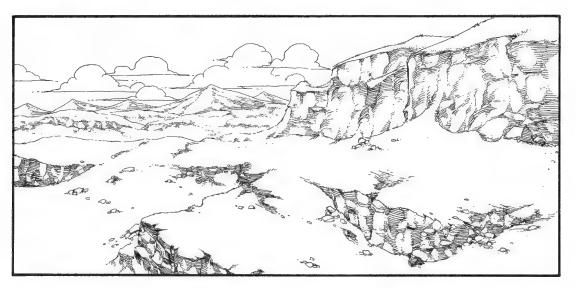


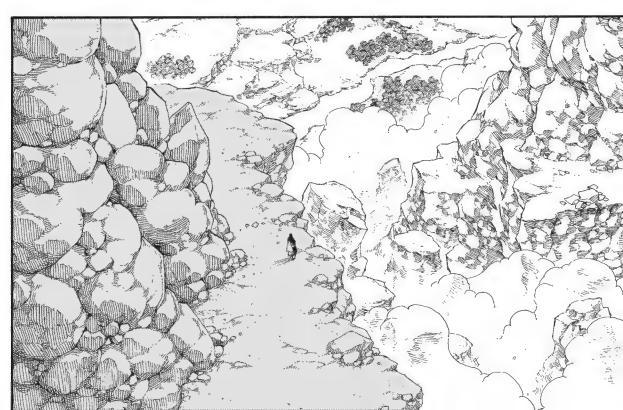




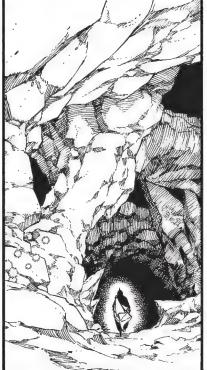




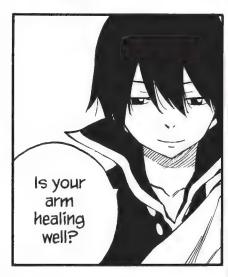
















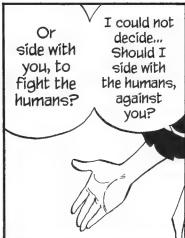




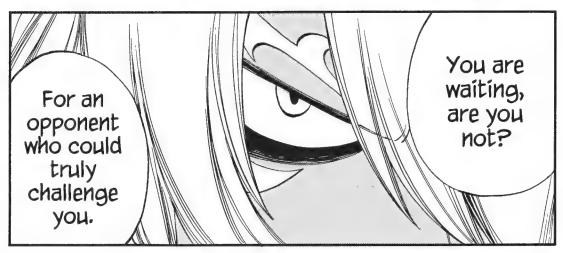








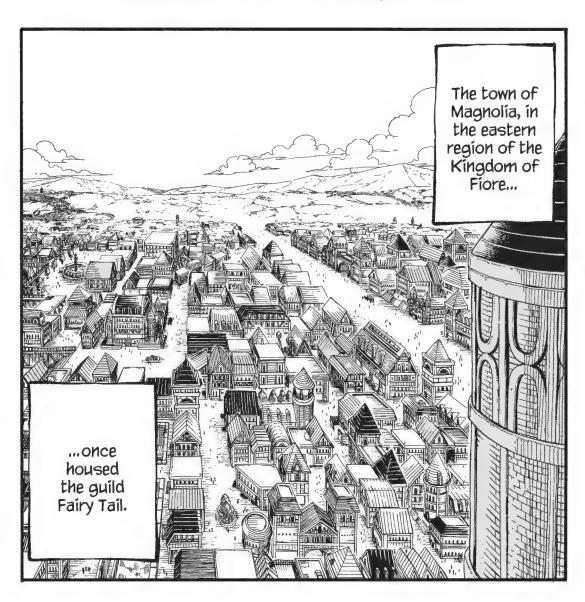




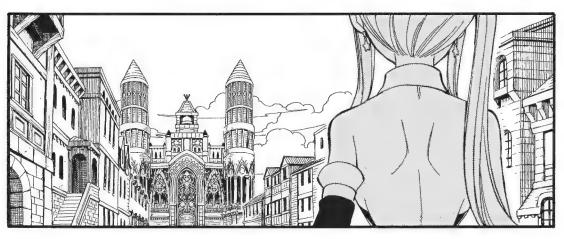




## Chapter 437: Magnolia

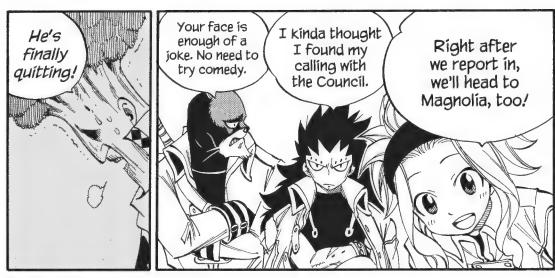




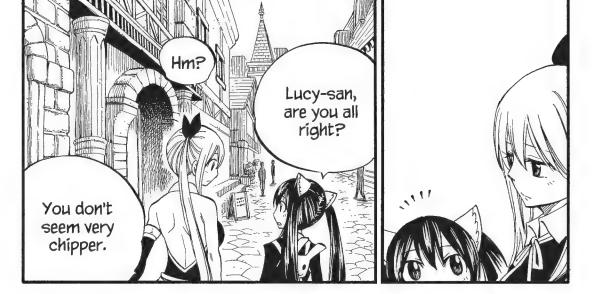








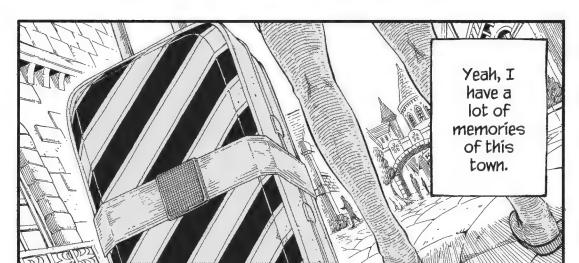
























Until it was suddenly disbanded a year ago.



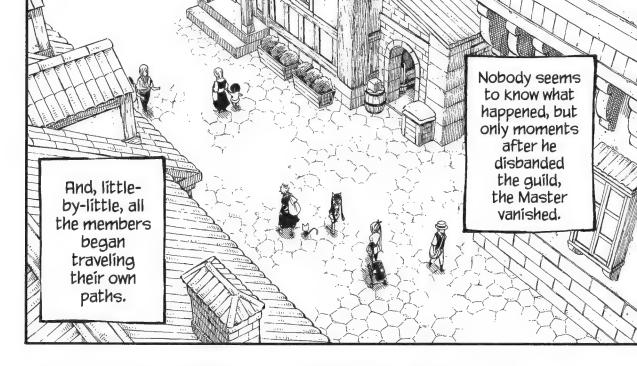




And you should each tread your own path, on your own two feet.

Fairy Tail will be disbanded.







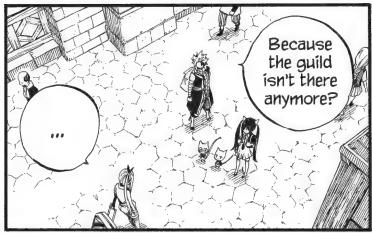
















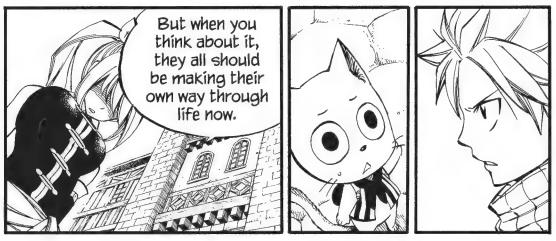


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still there.

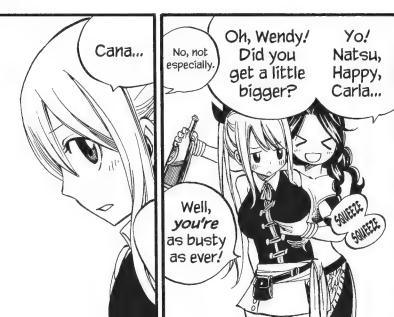












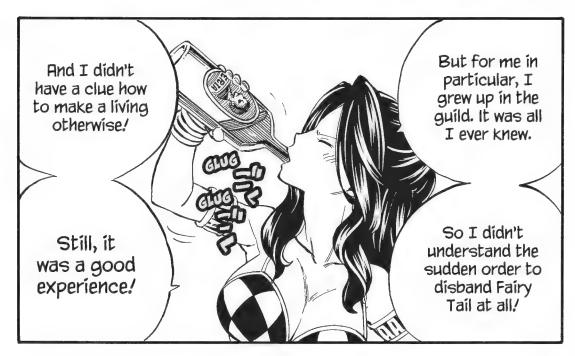




























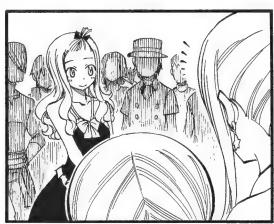


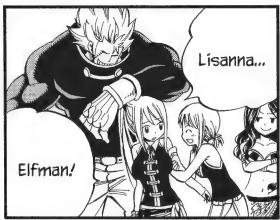


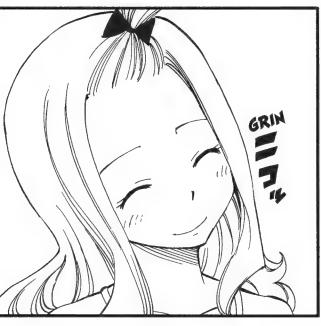


















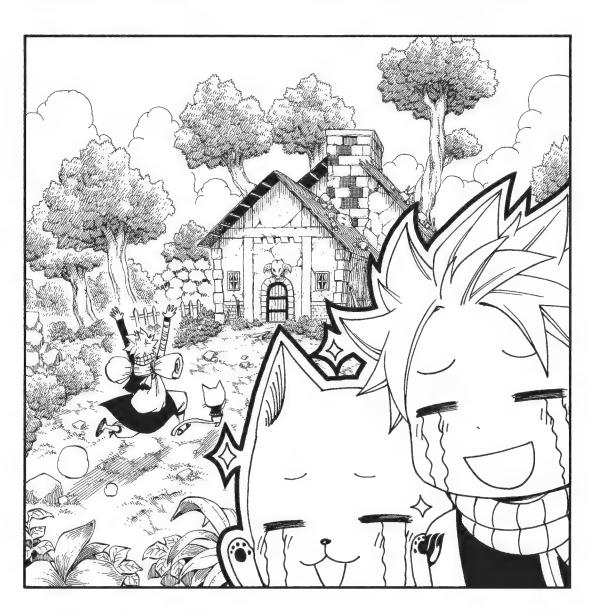






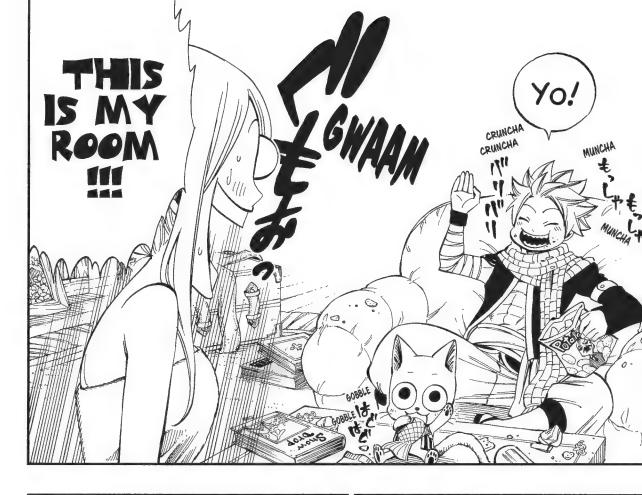


## Chapter 438: The Seventh Guild Master





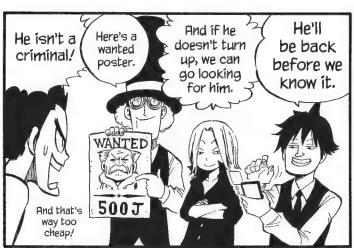








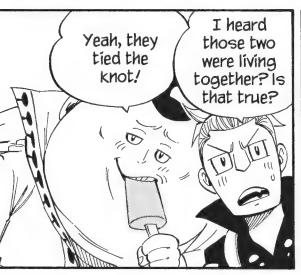






















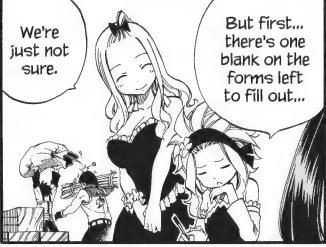
















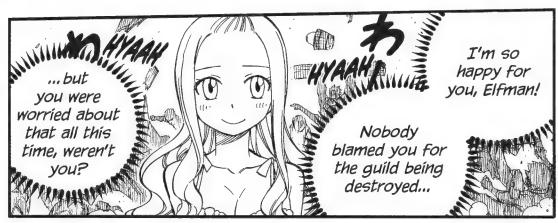






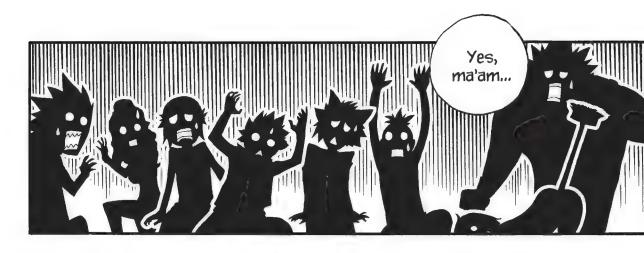




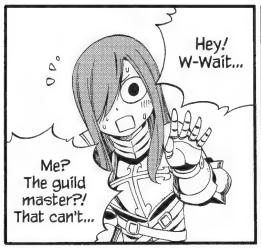




























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Last time we hit the 50 volume mark!! And just as I was celebrating that, Volume 51 was on me before I knew it. With this volume, all the Fairy Tail members are back together again. I probably could have stretched it out some more, but one of the things that makes FT popular is the quick pace of the plot developments. There are a few guild members that haven't appeared yet, but I hope you're all looking out for how they will find their way back into the story. The number of characters suddenly grew so it's become harder to draw, but the raucous crowd is also part of the fun!

Come to think of it, the other day, I went to a meeting that included a symposium of manga artists, and I received the question, "How long does it take to finish a single page of manga?" Well, the basic answer is, "It depends on the page," but I can explain how some pages take time and how others can be finished quickly.

The quick ones are the ones with few panels and few characters. Say there's a page where Natsu blasts out a burst of fire—a single page with a single drawing. I can finish that one pretty quickly. The pages that take time are the pages with lots of panels and a lot of characters. Also, pages with a high amount of detail (like scenes where an entire town is shown) take up a lot of time, too.

In other words, even though the number of characters within Fairy Tail is huge, you can counterbalance that by limiting the number of characters who appear in a panel and in that way, cut down the amount of time it takes. But since there are so many characters, it really does take time to draw them all.





#### FROM HIRD MASHINA



Around the time the chapters for this volume were being drawn and published, I went through with a crazy plan to draw two chapters at once, for four issues in a row. It was a lot of work, but I was doing what I loved, so I had fun. Also, the readers of **Weekly Shonen**Magazine seemed to like it, so I thought, "I'm glad I did it."

Now, with things gradually escalating in these upcoming volumes, what do you think will happen next?

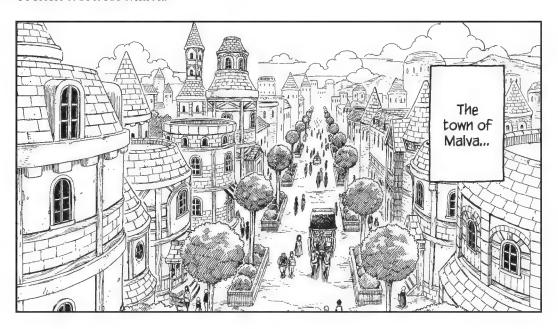
### **Translation Notes:**

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

#### Page 14,

#### Malva

Like most of the towns in the Kingdom of Fiore, Malva is also named after a flower. This one, better known by the English name Mallow, is native to the more tropical regions of Africa, Asia, and Europe. While some are planted as garden flowers, others are thought of as invasive weeds. The color mauve is named after the French word for Malva.



#### Page 85,

#### Eighteen Battle Gods of Yakuma

This isn't the first mention of the Eighteen Battle Gods of Yakuma. Mavis notices that Minerva's power comes from the Eighteen Battle Gods of Yakuma during the Grand Magic Games in Volume 37.

#### Page 132,

#### Mildian Academy

"Mildian" is a reference to an important village in Hiro Mashima's previous series **Rave Master**, where Mildia was the "Village Carved Out of Time." In **Rave Master**, Mildia is the origin of the Mildian Rave Warriors Games.



#### Page 176, Jewels

As we noted all the way back in the translation notes for Volume 1, fantasy stories like to use "intuitive" units of currency for their audience. A fantasy writer in the U.S. might say "100 silver pieces," and make it the equivalent of about \$100 worth of goods. Japanese fantasy does the same thing, but with yen. In Fairy Tail, if they say 500 jewels, their audience is supposed to intuit that the price is somewhere around 500 yen. A quick-and-dirty conversion is 100 yen (or in this case, 100 jewels) / \$1 USD, so a reward of 500 jewels would be roughly equivalent to a reward of only five bucks.

#### Page 178,

#### Passing out bottled drinks

There is a tradition of providing water, iced tea, soda, or other beverages for workers. In previous generations, it was cups of hot tea and crackers during break time. Although this also happens in Western countries, it isn't as much of a social tradition as it is in Japan.



In the kingdom of Fiore, wizards are commonplace, but the powerful women of Fairy Tail are each one of a kind! And after fighting their way to the top at the Grand Magic Games, Lucy, Erza, Wendy, and Juvia deserve a vacation. The wizards slip out of the victory celebration to do some sightseeing as a foursome, but where Fairy Tail goes, trouble's never far behind...

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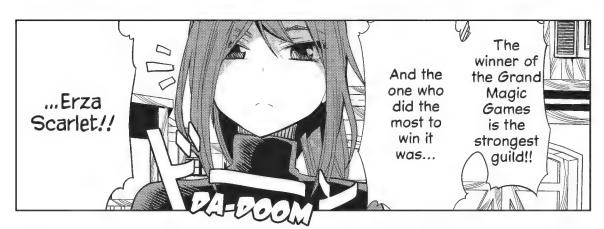
















































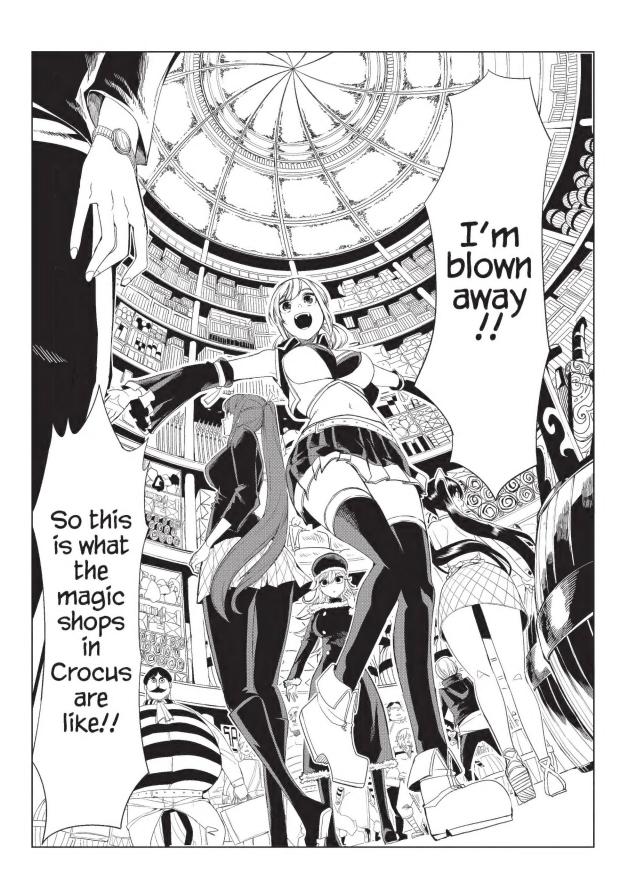




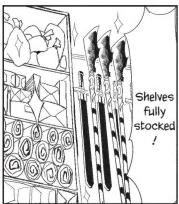


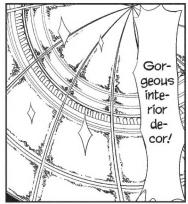


















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